

NEW DISCOVERIES

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LIECHTENSTEIN PERFIN FOUND

It is difficult to add to the list of countries which are known to have had Perfins on their stamps, but I am fortunate to be able to announce my second such discovery.

My first such discovery was the Ile Rouad, the French mandated territory in the eastern Mediterranean.

Now I can announce a Perfin for Liechtenstein.

The pattern is B&C/E (see drawing below) and it is found on the 5h Prince Johann II stamp of 1912 (Scott #1). The stamp is postmarked in the town of Schaan.



The pattern corresponds to #B53 of Switzerland as listed on page 6 of the catalog of Perfins of Switzerland published by the Perfins Club in 1972.

The Swiss pattern is identified as being used by Brothers Benziger & Company of Einsiedel, Switzerland. It would be interesting to know if the firm had a branch in Liechtenstein and how it is possible that Liechtenstein stamps were Perfinned in Switzerland. Bear in mind that prior to World War I (and shortly afterward) Liechtenstein's postal affairs were handled by Austria and not, as today, by Switzerland.

Nevertheless, we have a new Perfin country. Perhaps some Bulletin readers can help answer some of the questions which arise.